

MANIFESTATIONS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (MPAC)

For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path. For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul. Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you.

Proverbs 2:6, 9-11 (NIV)

Mission:

The mission of Manifestations Political Action Committee (MPAC) ministry is keeping abreast of the myriad of political issues that are currently transpiring, which could directly and negatively affect Manifestations Worldwide, Inc. (MWI), and the body of Christ as a whole, as well as the minority community that we serve in East Tampa. This mission includes strategically and tactically positioning MPAC to be a liaison between the church and those who occupy various public offices within our community. In addition, MPAC's responsibility is effectively advocating in behalf of everyone involved, and keeping every person informed of political issues that could directly affect our overall well-being and the overall well-being of those in the underserved-underrepresented community of "Manifestations City" in our pursuit of life, liberty and freedom in Christ Jesus.

Goals:

The goals of MPAC for MWI partners, the body of Christ as a whole, and the minority community that we serve in East Tampa are:

- Ensuring that we are fully equipped and ready to exercise our God-given voting privileges and rights, and that we thoroughly understand the impact and power that it holds.
- Making sure that we are adequately receiving information and education regarding our voting rights and responsibilities—as stated in the **Florida Voter Registration and Voting Guide**.
- Empowering ourselves to use the knowledge given (by supplying the facts), the understanding received (by abstracting the meaning out of the information given), and the wisdom gained (by knowing which principles to apply) as we prayerfully consider each candidate when voting.
- Declaring and decreeing Psalm 118:17, "We shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD" because we have the knowledge, understanding, and wisdom from God to survive and thrive in our communities—spiritually, socially, and economically—and to bring ultimate glory to His name and His kingdom because of His unending protection and guidance!

The following information will be provided, as needed, for all MWI partners, the body of Christ as a whole, and the minority community that we serve in East Tampa:

- Updates/revisions on the voter's guide
- Information and education on the power of our vote
- A copy of the Florida Voter's Bill of Rights prior to elections
- Information on how to vote
- Various mediums to convey the principles that Christian's should look for in a possible candidate for office [as we can never tell anyone who to vote for, as a non-profit organization] i.e. regular article in the Center For Manifestation's (CFM) newsletter,



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announcements etc.

- Updates on poll information
- Oversight of voter registration drives
- Creation of ways to secure that our senior citizens and 18-year-old teens get out to vote
- Representation of MWI at political events/delegation and redistricting meetings, etc.

Voter's Bill of Rights

Each registered voter in this state has the right to:

1. Vote and have his or her vote accurately counted.
2. Cast a vote if he or she is in line at the official closing of the polls in that county.
3. Ask for and receive assistance in voting.
4. Receive up to two replacement ballots if he or she makes a mistake prior to the ballot being cast.
5. An explanation if his or her registration or identity is in question.
6. If his or her registration or identity is in question, cast a provisional ballot.
7. Written instructions to use when voting, and, upon request, oral instructions in voting from elections officers.
8. Vote free from coercion or intimidation by elections officers or any other person.
9. Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast.

Voter's Responsibilities

Each registered voter in this state should:

1. Familiarize himself or herself with the candidates and issues.
2. Maintain with the office of the Supervisor of Elections a current address.
3. Know the location of his or her polling place and its hours of operation.
4. Bring proper identification to the polling station.
5. Familiarize himself or herself with the operation of the voting equipment in his or her precinct.
6. Treat precinct workers with courtesy.
7. Respect the privacy of other voters.
8. Report any problems or violations of election laws to the Supervisor of Elections.
9. Ask questions, if needed.
10. Make sure that his or her completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling station.

NOTE TO VOTER: Failure to perform any of these responsibilities does not prohibit a voter from voting.

For more information, contact Tanya Williams, Chairperson
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Please scroll down to see calendar of election dates for 2012 below:

Calendar of Election Dates For 2012

Presidential Preference Primary Election

Deadline to Register

January 3, 2012

**Early Voting*

January 21, 2012 – January 28, 2012

Election Day

January 31, 2012

Primary Election

Deadline to Register

July 16, 2012

**Early Voting*

August 4, 2012 – August 11, 2012

Election Day

August 14, 2012

General Election

Deadline to Register

October 9, 2012

**Early Voting*

October 27, 2012 – November 3, 2012

Election Day

November 6, 2012

The polls will be open on Election Day from
7 a.m. to 7 p.m. local time.

(See sections 97.055, 100.011, and 101.657, Florida Statutes)

*For early voting times and locations, please visit the Division's website at

<http://elections.myflorida.com/>